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REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION OF  
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Sir:

Attached, *in duplicate*, is Form PTO/SB/44 with one copy being suitable for printing.

It is certified that an error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Replace claim 1, (incorrect claim) with the following claim:

1. A method for treating a non-neutral pH hazardous material spill comprising:

producing a slow draining non-neutral pH foam by foaming an aqueous foamable concentrate with non-neutral pH aqueous liquid, the concentrate being tolerant to the non-neutral pH of the aqueous liquid in that the non-neutral pH aqueous liquid continues to drain slowly during treatment from the non-neutral pH foam after being deployed over a non-neutral pH hazardous material spill;

controlling a pH of the non-neutral pH aqueous liquid to be opposite to a pH of the non-neutral pH hazardous material spill; and

deploying the non-neutral pH foam over the non-neutral pH hazardous material.

Replace claim 2, (incorrect claim)with the following claim:

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the pH of the non-neutral pH liquid is controlled to be less than 4.5 and form an acidic foam that is deployed over caustic spills.

Replace claim 3, (incorrect claim)with the following claim:

3. The method of claim 1, wherein the pH of the non-neutral pH liquid is controlled to be greater than 9.5 and form a caustic foam that is deployed over acidic spills.

In claim 9, column 9, line 6 delete [as a s continuous], and insert " as a continuous" in place thereof.

In claim 25, column 9, line 38, delete [no more than 20% by volume], and insert "no more than 10% by volume" in place thereof.

Applicant respectfully requests a Certificate of Correction in the above identified matter as errors resulted in the published US Patent 7,381,696. The publishing errors in the '696 Patent incurred through the fault of the Patent and Trademark Office and are clearly disclosed by the prosecution record before the Office. The mistakes noted above were in NO part the fault of the Applicant.

More specifically, during prosecution of the US Application, a Notice of Allowance was mailed on February 4, 2008. The February 4 Notice of Allowance indicated that the allowed claims were as presented in an Amendment filed November 29, 2006. The claims in the November 29 Amendment differ from the claims as published in the '696 Patent. The above revisions to claims 1-3, 9 and 25 bring the claims in the '696 Patent into conformance with the claims presented in the November 29, 2006 Amendment which were indicated to be allowable and were allowed in the Notice of Allowance mailed February 4, 2008. Given that the present

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error was in no part Applicant's error, but instead was through fault of the Patent and Trademark Office, it is requested that a Certificate of Correction be provided without charge. Applicant believes that due to Patent Office error, no fee for the Certificate of Correction is required. However, if any additional fee is required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account Number 50-3858.

Respectfully submitted,



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